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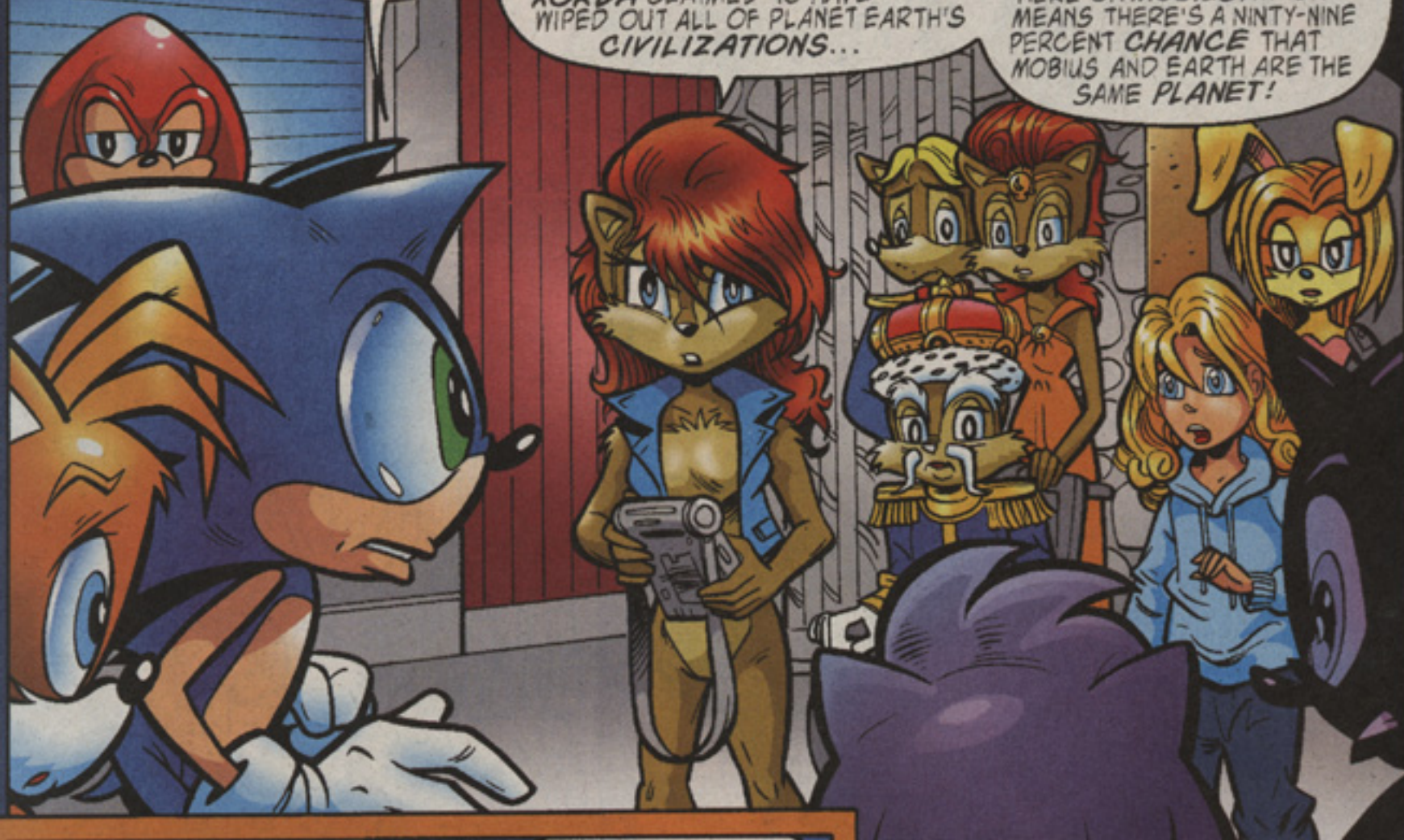
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CASTLE
ACORN.

RUN
THAT BY US
AGAIN,
SAL...

NICOLE AND I
LEARNED THAT THE ATTACK
DATES DURING WHICH THE ALIEN
XORDA CLAIMED TO HAVE
WIPE OUT ALL OF PLANET EARTH'S
CIVILIZATIONS...

...ROUGHLY
CORRESPOND TO THE
LEGENDARY DAYS OF FURY
HERE ON MOBIUS, WHICH
MEANS THERE'S A NINETY-NINE
PERCENT CHANCE THAT
MOBIUS AND EARTH ARE THE
SAME PLANET!



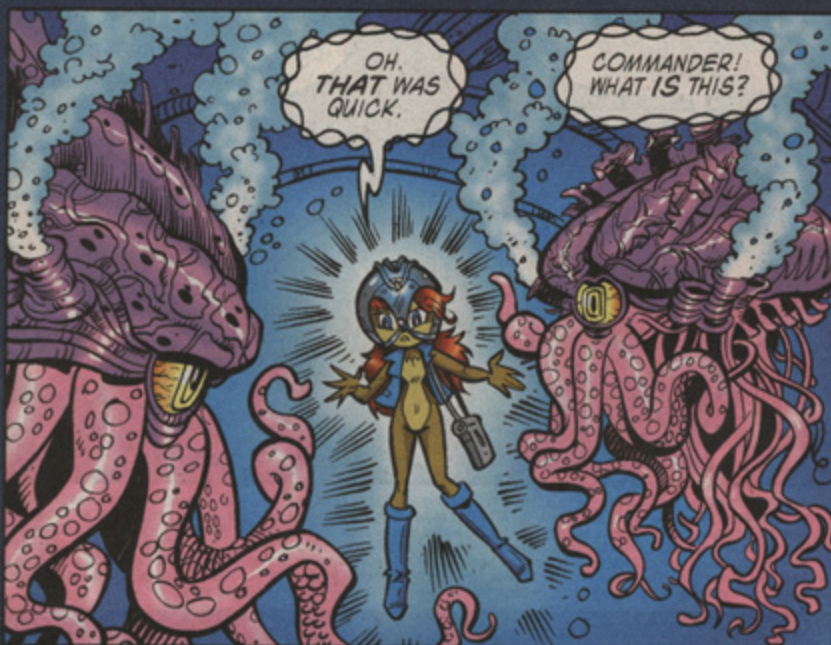
THE COMPUTER
NETWORK HERE AT HAVEN
HAS REACHED THE EXACT
SAME CONCLUSION,
PRINCESS SALLY.

THANK YOU, LOCKE.
IT'S IMPORTANT WE
CONTACT THE XORDA
SHIP IN MEGA-
OPOLIS AT ONCE--
ROTOR?



I THINK I'VE
GOT SOMETHING,
PRINCESS. IF YOU
COULD JUST HAVE
SONIC--





THE HUMANS WHO WERE
YOUR SWORN ENEMIES ARE
NO LONGER THE DOMINANT
SPECIES ON THE PLANET.

AS A MATTER OF
FACT, MY SCIENTIFIC DATA
SHOWS THAT THE GENE-
BOMBS YOU ONCE USED TO
WIPE OUT THEIR KIND...

... MUTATED EARTH'S
LOWER LIFE-FORMS,
GIVING RISE TO A NEW
RACE. MY RACE,
MOBOSAPIENS.

THE
XORDA ARE
ALREADY
AWARE
OF THE
NEW
SPECIES.

THE XORDA
SCANNED YOU AFTER
ENTERING EARTH
ORBIT.

SCANS SHOW
THAT DESPITE A CUTE,
FURRY APPEARANCE,
YOUR SPECIES HAS
SIZEABLE PERCENTAGE
OF HUMAN DNA.

THEREFORE,
THE XORDA STILL
INTEND TO
DESTROY THIS
WORLD.

NO!
WAIT!

IT'S HOPELESS.
THEY **WON'T** LISTEN
TO REASON.

THEY
MUST HAVE A
WEAKNESS.

WE MUST
:SQWKKK:
ALL :SQWKKK:
OUR--

LOUSY
RECEPTION.

:SQWKKK:
MAX! IT'S ME!
CAN YOU HEAR ME?
:SQWKKK:

MAX! IT'S ME!
YOUR NUMBER-ONE
PAL

I THINK I
HAVE A MEANS OF
BEATING BACK THESE
ICKY ALIENS!

I'M
LISTENING,
ROBOTNIK...

"PLEASE ALLOW ME
TO INTRODUCE YOU
TO GIGA-BOT
PRIME, LATEST
TESTAMENT TO MY
INVENTIVE GENIUS.

"IT STANDS OVER
ONE HUNDRED FEET
TALL AND HAS
ENOUGH DESTRUCTIVE
CAPABILITY TO
LEVEL AN ENTIRE
MOUNTAIN.

"HOWEVER, MY CREATION
IS SO HUGE, ONLY SONIC'S
SPEED CAN GENERATE
ENOUGH ENERGY TO POWER
IT."

SONIC ADVENTURE 2.5: Ω MEGA CHAPTER 2

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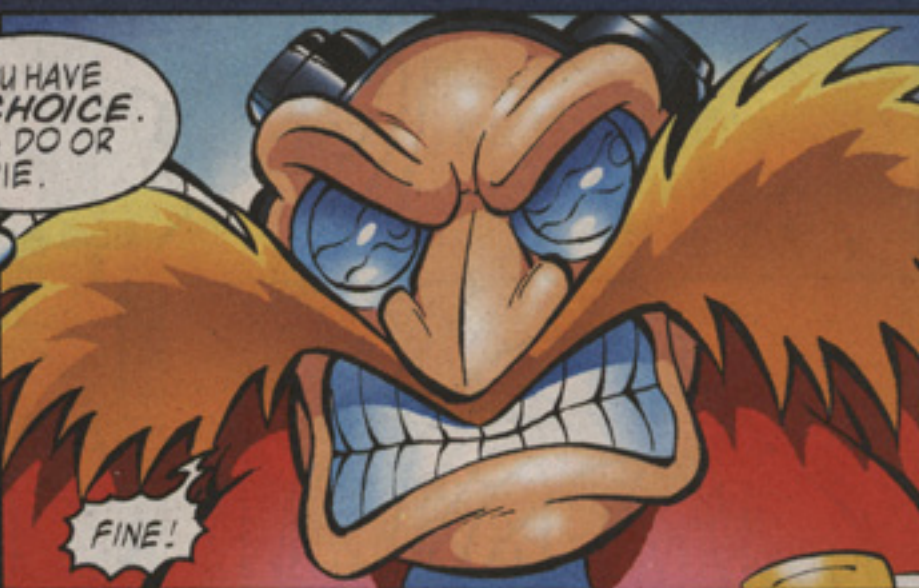
HOW CRUEL IS FATE
THAT MY WORST ENEMY
SHOULD POSSESS THE
ABILITY TO DRIVE MY
LATEST, GREATEST
WEAPON.

BOO-HOO. YOU'RE
MAKING ME MISTY.

AS MUCH AS I HATE IT, I'M
YOUR HOG, RO' BUTT "NIK.

THE
XORDA
ARE THE
GREATER
EVIL.

NOT SO
FAST, SONIC. YOUR
SERVICES AREN'T
FOR FREE.
ROBOTNIK MUST
PAY A PRICE.



ELSEWHERE.



IN A REALM OUTSIDE TIME-SPACE,
THE ENTITY WHO WAS ONCE
KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA SENSES--

DAWN BEST-PENCILS-
THE RAYS-INKS-



NO--IT
CAN'T BE!

AURORA!
I'M BACK!



--DEATH!



MOMENTS LATER
ON A HIGHER PLANE
OF REALITY...

KNUCKLES--YOU WERE ONE WITH THE CHAOS
FORCE! HOW CAN YOU SO CASUALLY FORSAKE
SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT?

I SENSED A MENACE TO
MOBIUS--TO MY FOLKS, MY FRIENDS,
EVERYBODY I'VE EVER KNOWN.

A DANGER SO SERIOUS THEY
MAY PERISH WITHOUT MY HELP. TELL ME--
CAN THEY BEAT THIS ENEMY OR NOT?

THEY...

PLEASE
AURORA, I'VE
GOTTA
KNOW.

YOU TOLD
ME WE ONLY GET
ONE LIFE--IS
THAT TRUE?

End of
Chapter 2

SONIC ADVENTURE

2.5: ΩMEGA CHAPTER 3

FELLOW MOBIANS--
BY NOW YOU KNOW OF THE
MENACE THAT THREATENS
OUR WORLD.

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SONIC HAS
VOLUNTEERED
TO GO ON THE
MISSION THAT
WILL BEAT BACK
THESE SPACE
INVADERS.

DARNED
TOOTIN'!

THE REST OF
THE PLANET'S
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS
ARE ON STAND-
BY SHOULD HE
FAIL...

...AS
ARE WE.



SOON...

YOU MADE
EXCELLENT *TIME*,
HEDGEHOG.

LET'S SKIP
THE *CHIT-CHAT*,
CREEP. WHERE'S
YOUR *BOT*?

RIGHT *HERE*.
WELL, RODENT, WHAT
DO YOU *THINK*,
HMM?

NOT *BAD*...
IF YOU'RE INTO
THE WHOLE GIANT,
ROBO THING
THAT IS.

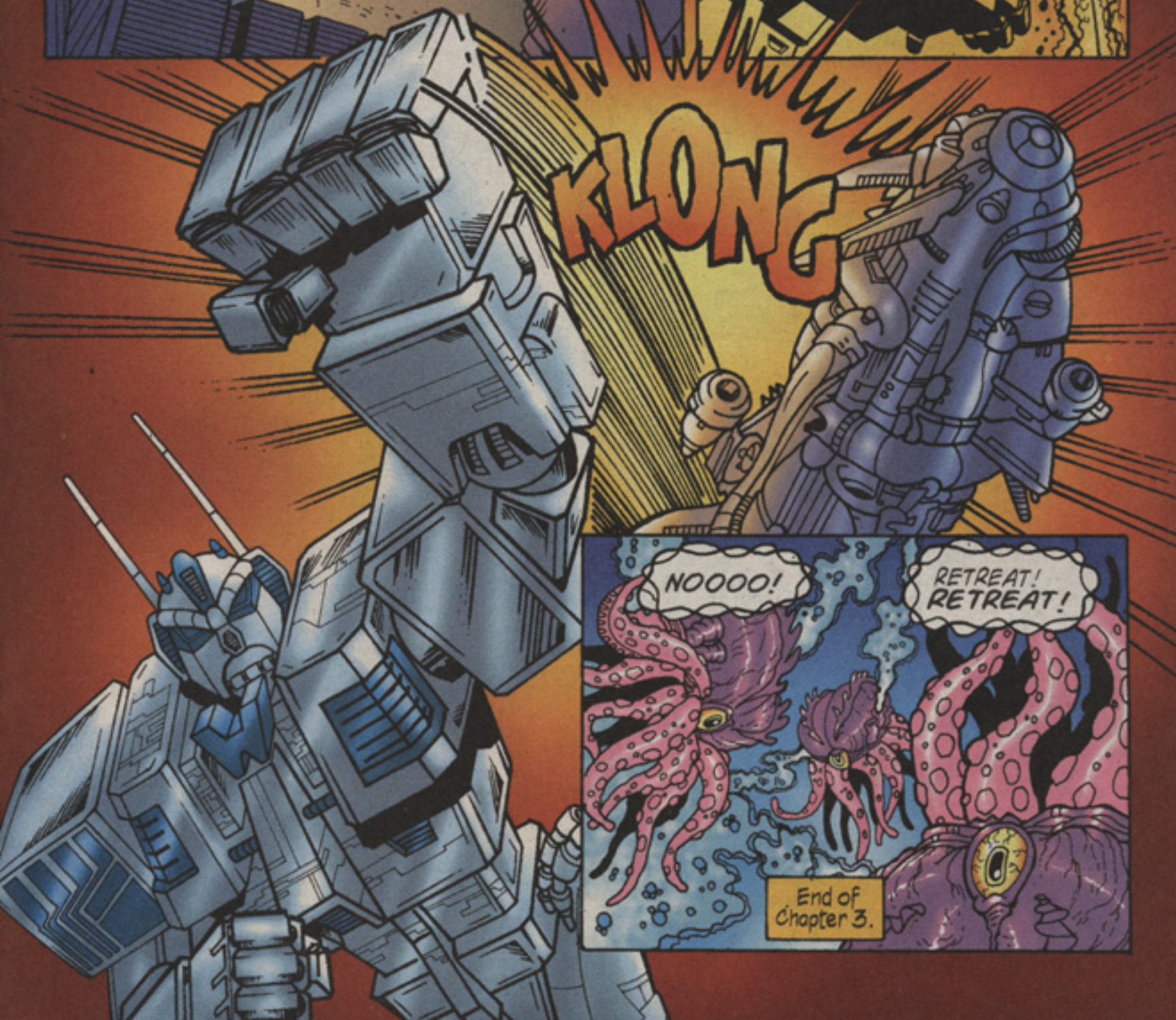
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO DO,
ANYWAY?

JUST STRAP THOSE
CLOMPERS INTO THE *PEDALS*
IN FRONT OF YOU. ONCE YOU
GET GOING...

...YOU'LL GENERATE
ENOUGH POWER TO
BRING GIGA-BOT PRIME
ONLINE.

WELL, I
GUESS THE
REST *AIN'T*
ROCKET
SCIENCE.

SONIC, YOU'RE
DOING IT--IT'S
MOVING!



SONIC ADVENTURE 2.5: ΩMEGA

RON LIM
- PENCILS -

CHAPTER 4

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I THINK
THE XORDA ARE
FEELING A LITTLE
"ALIENATED,"
SAL!
GET
IT?



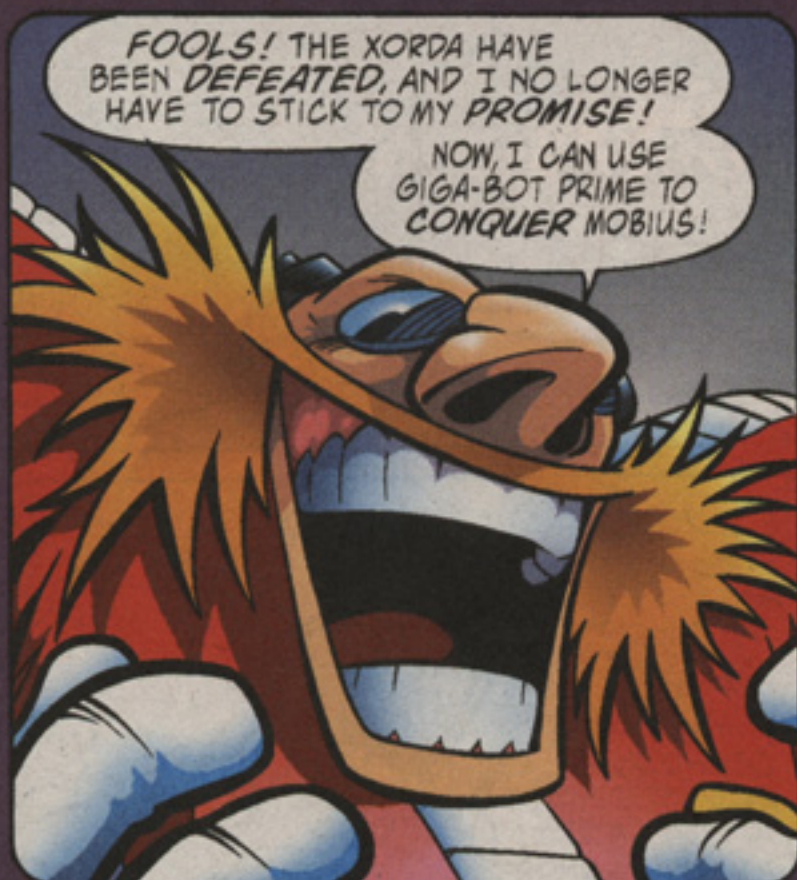
OH, SONIC,
I COULD KISS
YOU!

WELL,
FOLLOW YOUR
HEART
DARLIN'!



WHAT
THE--?!

MY
LEGS!

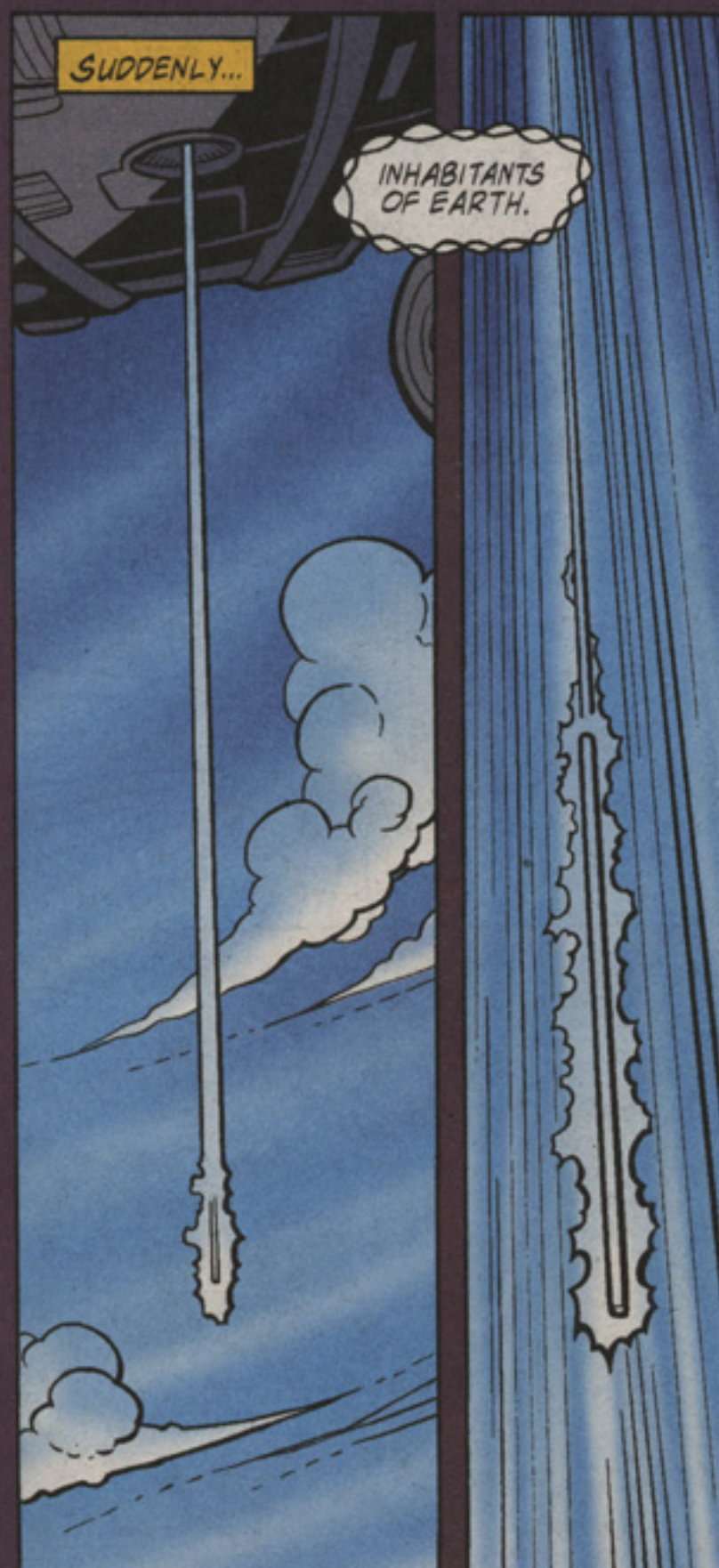


FOOLS! THE XORDA HAVE BEEN DEFEATED, AND I NO LONGER HAVE TO STICK TO MY PROMISE!

NOW, I CAN USE GIGA-BOT PRIME TO CONQUER MOBIUS!



YOU'LL MAKE A FINE BATTERY, SONIC, UNTIL YOU STARVE TO DEATH, THAT IS.



SUDDENLY...

INHABITANTS OF EARTH.



THE XORDA ARE NOT SO EASILY THWARTED.



BEHOLD
THE QUANTUM
DIAL.

GREATEST
OF XORDA
WEAPONS.

ONCE ITS
GEARS HAVE
ACTIVATED--

--THE ARM
OF THE DIAL
WILL PROCEED
TO ADVANCE--

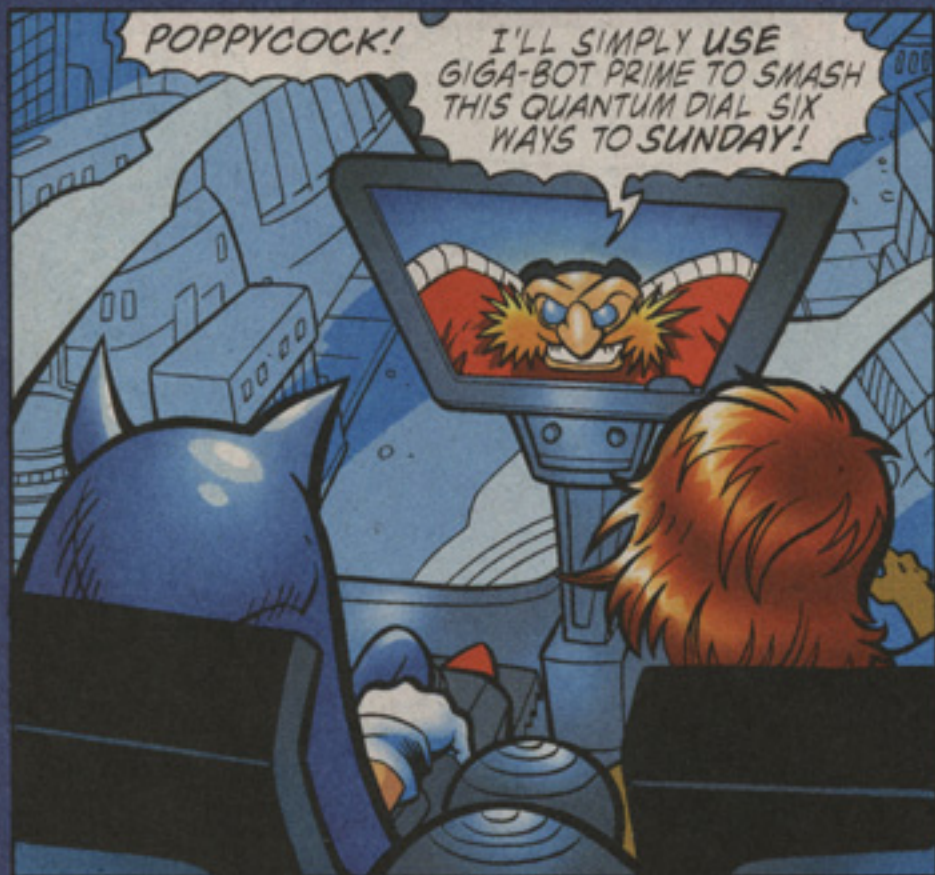
--RUPTURING
THE SPACE-TIME
CONTINUUM.

ONCE IT HAS
COMPLETED ITS
ROTATIONAL
CYCLE--

--THE RIFT
WILL CREATE A
BLACK
HOLE--

--TO
GOBBLE EARTH
AND HER ENTIRE
STAR SYSTEM.

GOOD
RIDDANCE.



POPPYCOCK!

I'LL SIMPLY USE
GIGA-BOT PRIME TO SMASH
THIS QUANTUM DIAL SIX
WAYS TO SUNDAY!



THE
PEDALS ARE
STARTING TO
MOVE!



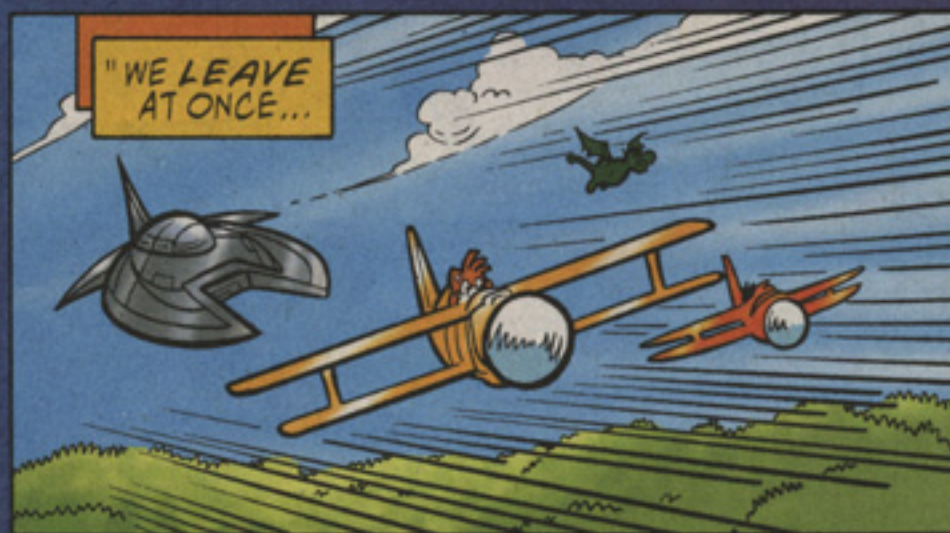
YOU BET YOUR BLUE
BUTT-CHEEKS THEY ARE
HERO--FUELED BY NOTHING
SHORT OF PURE, HEDGEHOG
UNLEADED!

ONBOARD SENSORS
TELL ME THAT THE DIAL HAS
LANDED ON MOBIUS' SOUTHERN
TUNDRA--SO MUSH!



KNOTHOLE.

ALL RIGHT ZEN, MES
BRAVES--ZEE MISSION
EEZ TO DESTROY ZIS
WEAPON TERRIBLE.



"WE LEAVE
AT ONCE..."



"...ON DIRECT
ORDER FROM
ZEE KING!"

MEANWHILE...

IT'S NOT TRUE, AURORA, IS IT? SOME OF US DO GET A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE.

I GAINED THAT KNOWLEDGE DURING MY BRIEF TIME MERGED WITH THE CHAOS FORCE.

A SECOND CHANCE IS POSSIBLE, IF ONE IS WORTHY.

ATHAIR!

AND YOU ARE MORE THAN THAT, KNUCKLES.

THEN THAT SETTLES IT. I'M GOING BACK TO MOBIUS TO HELP IN THE BATTLE!



KNUCKLES, I BESEECH YOU, HEAR ME OUT! YOU HAVE A GREATER PURPOSE, A HIGHER CALLING WITHIN THE COSMIC DESIGN. DON'T SQUANDER IT.

IF YOU TURN YOUR BACK ON THIS, THE CHANGE IS IRREVERSIBLE, AND YOUR PLACE WITHIN THE NATURAL ORDER WILL BE FOREVER DENIED.

BUT, MY FRIENDS--

WILL EVENTUALLY DIE, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO. THAT IS THE PAIN OF EXISTENCE.

DON'T BE FOOLISH, OR WORSE YET, SELFISH.

HOW DO I GET THERE?

IF I SAVE MY LOVED ONES, HOW IS THAT SELFISH? ATHAIR, I NEED TO GET BACK TO MOBIUS-- NOW!

THE POWER IS WITHIN YOU. BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT HOW IT WILL BE AFFECTED ONCE YOU RETURN.

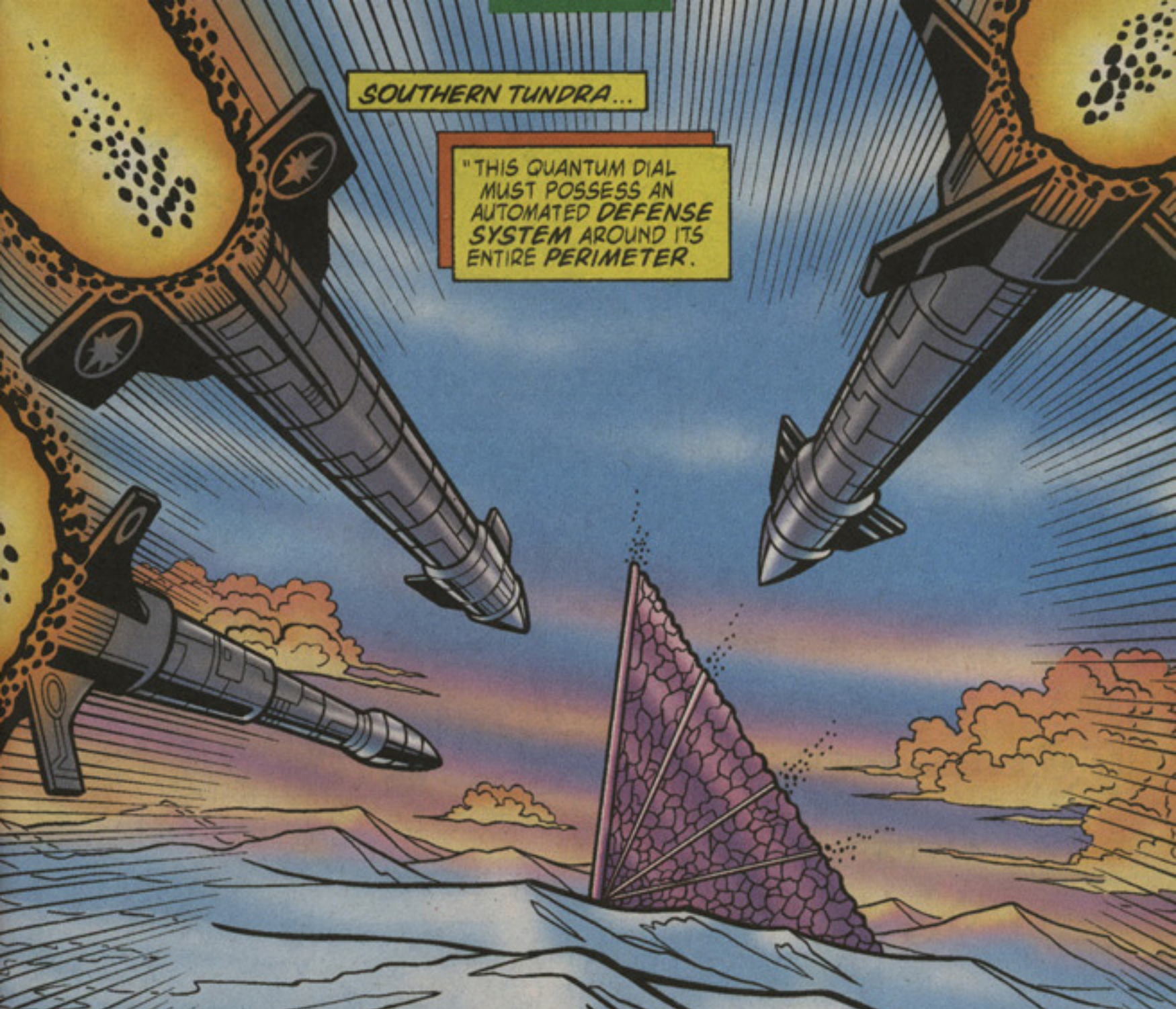
THAT'S A RISK I'M WILLING TO TAKE!

HOW CAN HE GIVE UP THE CHANCE TO BE CLOAKED WITHIN THE VERY FABRIC OF ETERNITY? TO UNLOCK THE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE?

WEREN'T YOU EVER SIXTEEN?

DAWN BEST-PENCILS-
THE RAYS-INKS-

End of
Chapter 4



SOUTHERN TUNDRA...

"THIS QUANTUM DIAL
MUST POSSESS AN
AUTOMATED DEFENSE
SYSTEM AROUND ITS
ENTIRE PERIMETER."

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ADVENTURE CHAPTER 5

STEVEN BUTLER - PENCILS -
JIM AMASH - INKS -

"ALL TECHNOLOGY-BASED WEAPONS,
INCLUDING STATION
SQUARE'S MOST
POWERFUL MISSILES--"

"--FALL APART
HARMLESSLY
ONCE THEY
ARRIVE WITHIN
FIFTY FEET OF
THAT THING."



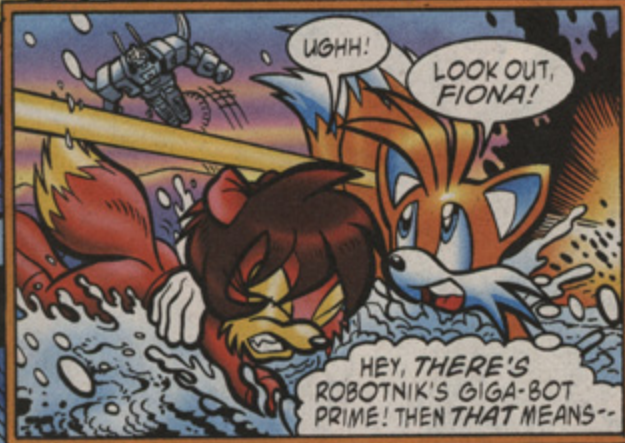
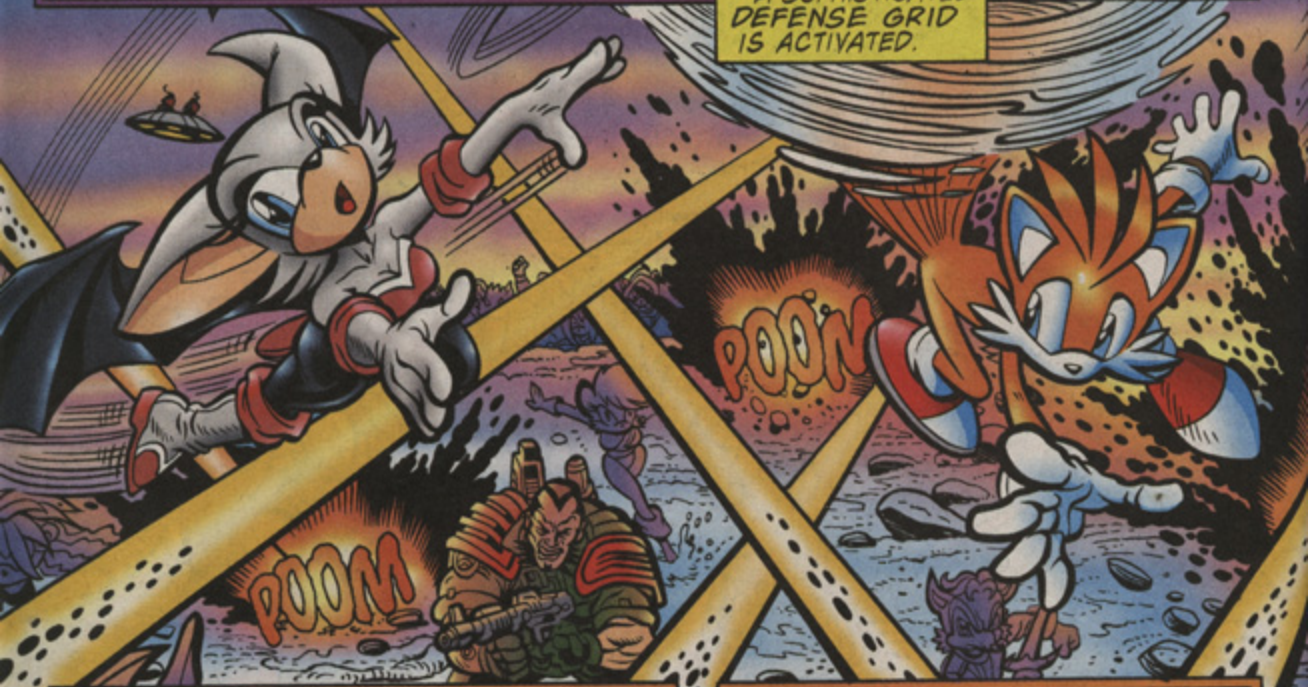


LET'S
DO IT TO
IT!

WITHOUT
WARNING--



--A SOPHISTICATED
DEFENSE GRID
IS ACTIVATED.



UGHH!

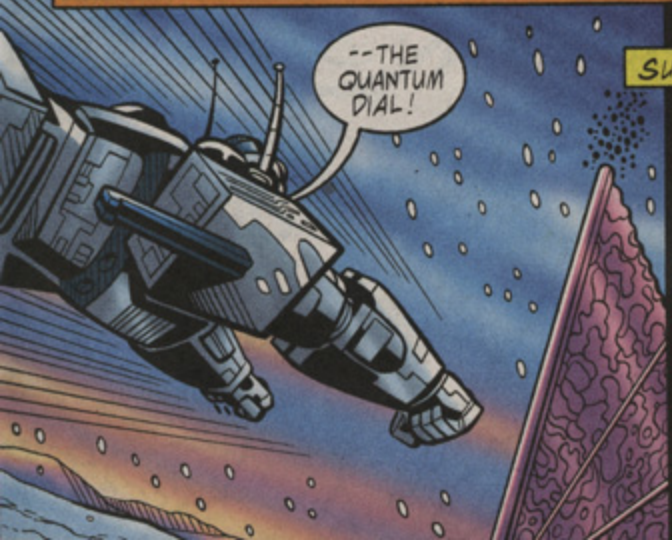
LOOK OUT,
FIONA!

HEY, THERE'S
ROBOTNIK'S GIGA-BOT
PRIME! THEN THAT MEANS--



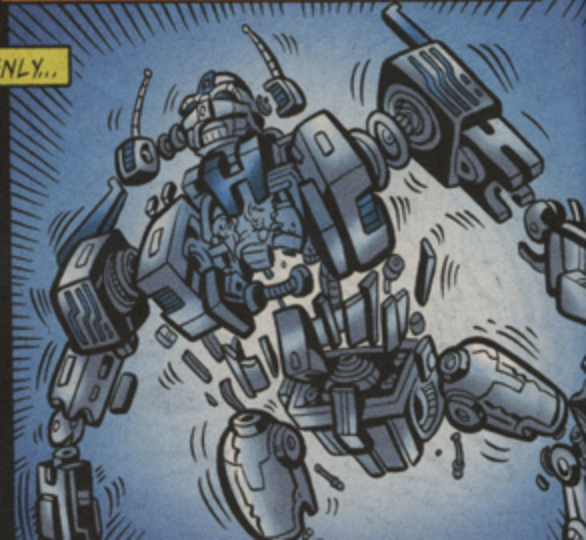
SONIC, UP
AHEAD!

I SEE IT,
SAL--



--THE
QUANTUM
DIAL!

SUDDENLY...



I DON'T UNDERSTAND SONIC. ROBOTNIK'S ROBOT JUST FELL APART IN MID-FLIGHT. WELL, AT LEAST WE'RE INSIDE THE DEFENSE PERIMETER.

A BLESSING BECAUSE IT'S OOF! RUINS ROBOTNIK'S PLANS FOR CONQUEST--



--AND A CURSE BECAUSE HOW'RE WE GONNA STOP THE DIAL NOW?

NICOLE...?



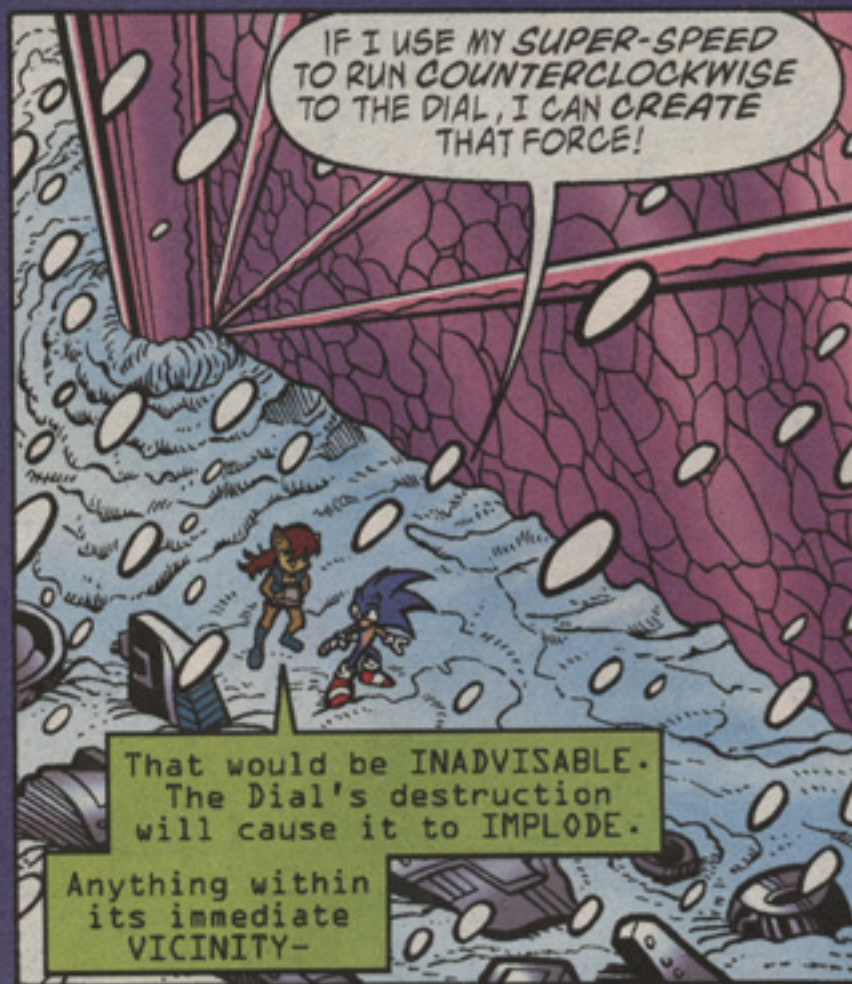
I've SCANNED the Dial, and I'm RELAYING the info back to Rotor in Knothole.

GOT IT, NICOLE. THESE READINGS INDICATE THAT ONCE THE DIAL'S ARM IS IN MOTION, THERE'S NO STOPPING IT...



...BUT IF WE CREATE A COUNTER-FORCE THAT CAUSES THE ARM TO REVERSE, WE CAN DESTROY ITS GEARS!

IF I USE MY SUPER-SPEED TO RUN COUNTERCLOCKWISE TO THE DIAL, I CAN CREATE THAT FORCE!



That would be INADVISABLE. The Dial's destruction will cause it to IMplode.

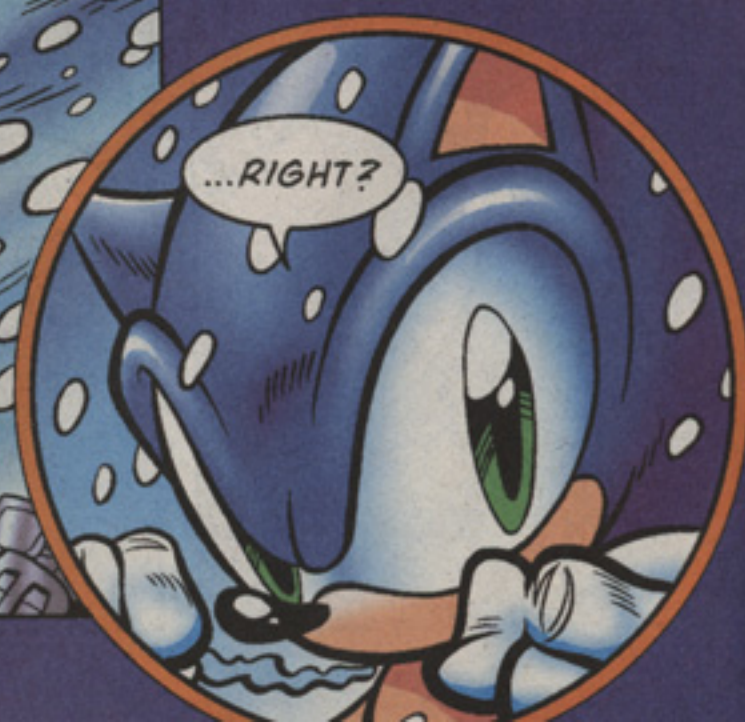
Anything within its immediate VICINITY--

--would IMplode as well. 'Anything' refers to YOU, Sonic.



BUT EVERYONE ELSE WOULD BE SAFE...

...RIGHT?



Perhaps, but we'll have to DEBATE that later--

--right now, my SENSORS are detecting a strange energy BUILD-UP coming from INSIDE the Dial.

**DAWN BEST-PENCILS-
THE RAYS-INKS-**

WHAT IS IT?

A BACK-UP defense system to prevent DAMAGE from organic ASSAILANTS--

--a destructive QUANTUM WAVE burst that will INCINERATE anything within a hundred-mile RADIUS.

JEEZ! TALK ABOUT OVERKILL! HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE BEFORE THE WAVE HITS?

Three point FIVE seconds...

TOO LATE.

HERE IT COMES!
SAL, I LOVE--

HEY!

NOTHING HAPPENED!

WE'RE STILL ALIVE!
BUT HOW?

WERE THE INTREPID COUPLE OUTSIDE THE DIAL'S DEFENSE PERIMETER--

--THEY WOULD KNOW
WHOSE POWER WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR
HALTING THE DEADLY
WAVE!

SH-KOW

THE
LASER-CANNONS
--THEY'VE BEEN
DESTROYED!

THE GREEN
LIGHT--ALL UP IN MY
FACE! WHAT IS
IT?

I
DON'T
BELIEVE
IT!

DAWN BEST-PENCILS-
THE RAYS-INKS-

KNUCKLES! IT'S REALLY
YOU, ISN'T IT?

NO TIME
FOR TEARFUL
REUNIONS NOW,
THOUGH--

ALWAYS WAS A SUCKER
FOR AN APOCALYPTIC, END
OF THE WORLD, DOOMSDAY-
TYPE SCENARIO JULIE-SU!

--SONIC'S MIND WAS OPEN TO
ME AS I RETURNED TO THIS PLANE,
AND HE'LL NEED A HAND IF WE'RE
GONNA SURVIVE THIS.

LET'S--
GUUGH!

KNUCKLES?!

HEY, HANDSOME
--YOU OKAY?

NO! MY
POWERS--
THEY'RE
GONE!

THAT'S
WHAT
ATHAIR
MEANT...

IT'S ALL UP TO
THE HEDGEHOG
GOOD LUCK, SONIC
...AND GOODBYE...

End of
Chapter 5

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ADVENTURE THE END

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CONOR
TOMAS
- INKS -

THE
QUANTUM WAVE
HAS DISSIPATED,
SONIC!

BUT THE DIAL IS
STILL ACTIVE, SAL!
I HAVE TO GO THROUGH
WITH MY PLAN.

SWEETIE,
YOU CAN'T! YOU
HEARD WHAT
NICOLE SAID,
YOU'LL DIE!

I KNOW, BUT
IF I DON'T...

...WE'LL
ALL DIE,
DARLIN'!

WHY DID
WE WASTE SO
MUCH TIME BEFORE
ADMITTING WHAT WE
ALWAYS KNEW
DEEP DOWN
INSIDE?

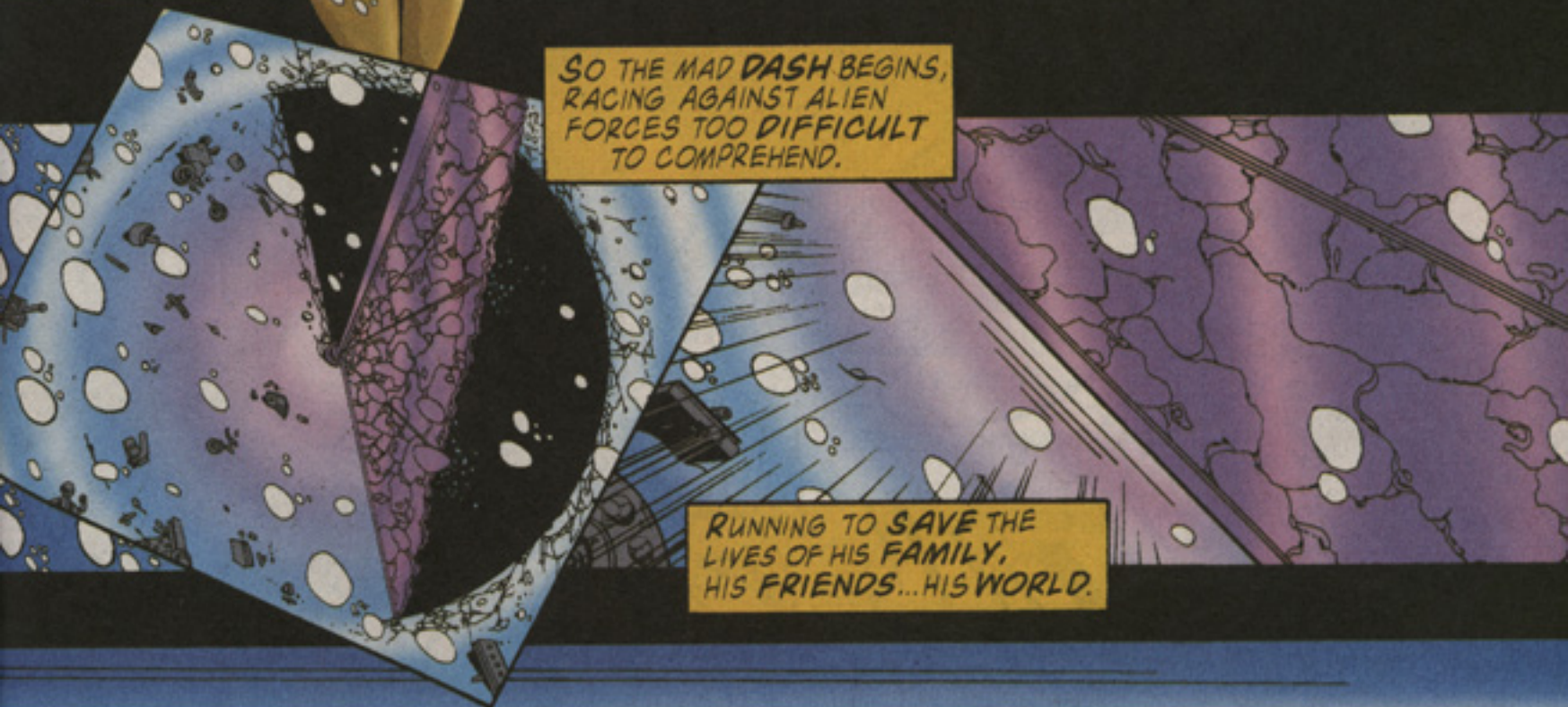
I LOVE
YOU, SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!

AND I
LOVE YOU,
SALLY
ACORN!
ALWAYS
HAVE, ALWAYS
WILL...



HE DOESN'T
LOOK BACK.

IF HE DID, HE
MIGHT CHANGE
HIS MIND.



SO THE MAD DASH BEGINS,
RACING AGAINST ALIEN
FORCES TOO DIFFICULT
TO COMPREHEND.

RUNNING TO SAVE THE
LIVES OF HIS FAMILY,
HIS FRIENDS... HIS WORLD.



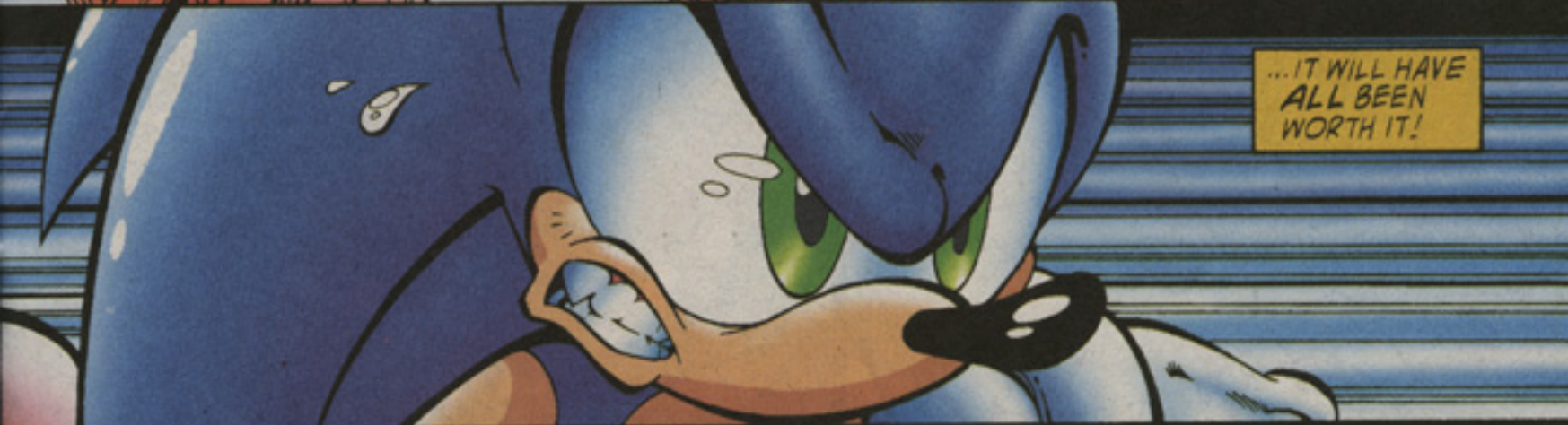
HOW MANY TIMES
HAS HE DONE THIS?

RISKED LIFE AND
LIMB FOR THE
GREATER GOOD?

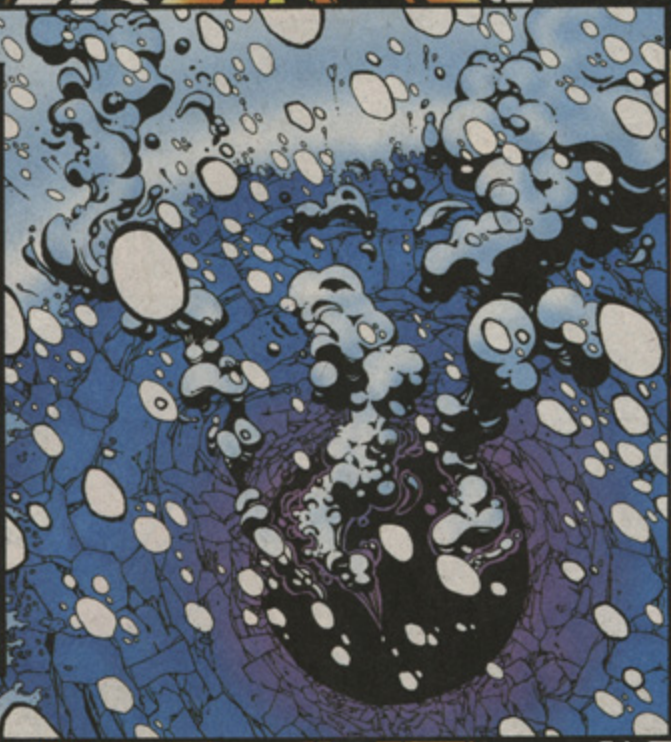
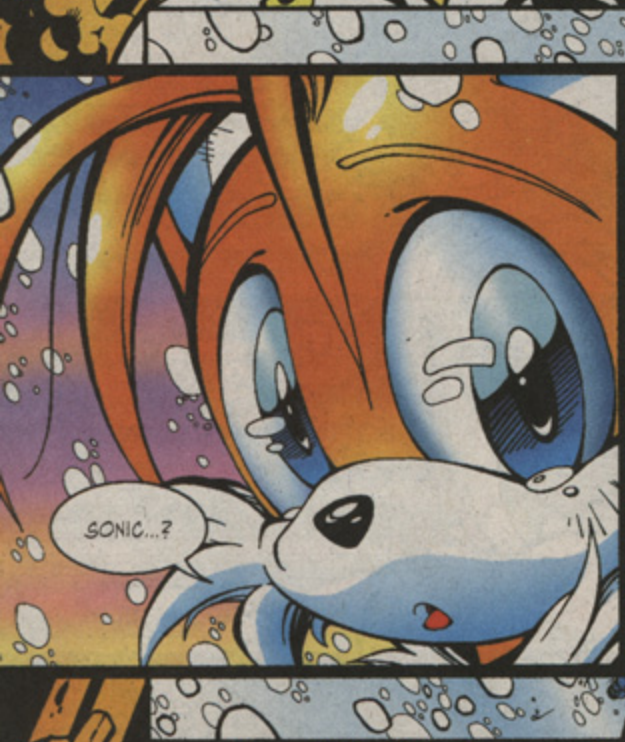


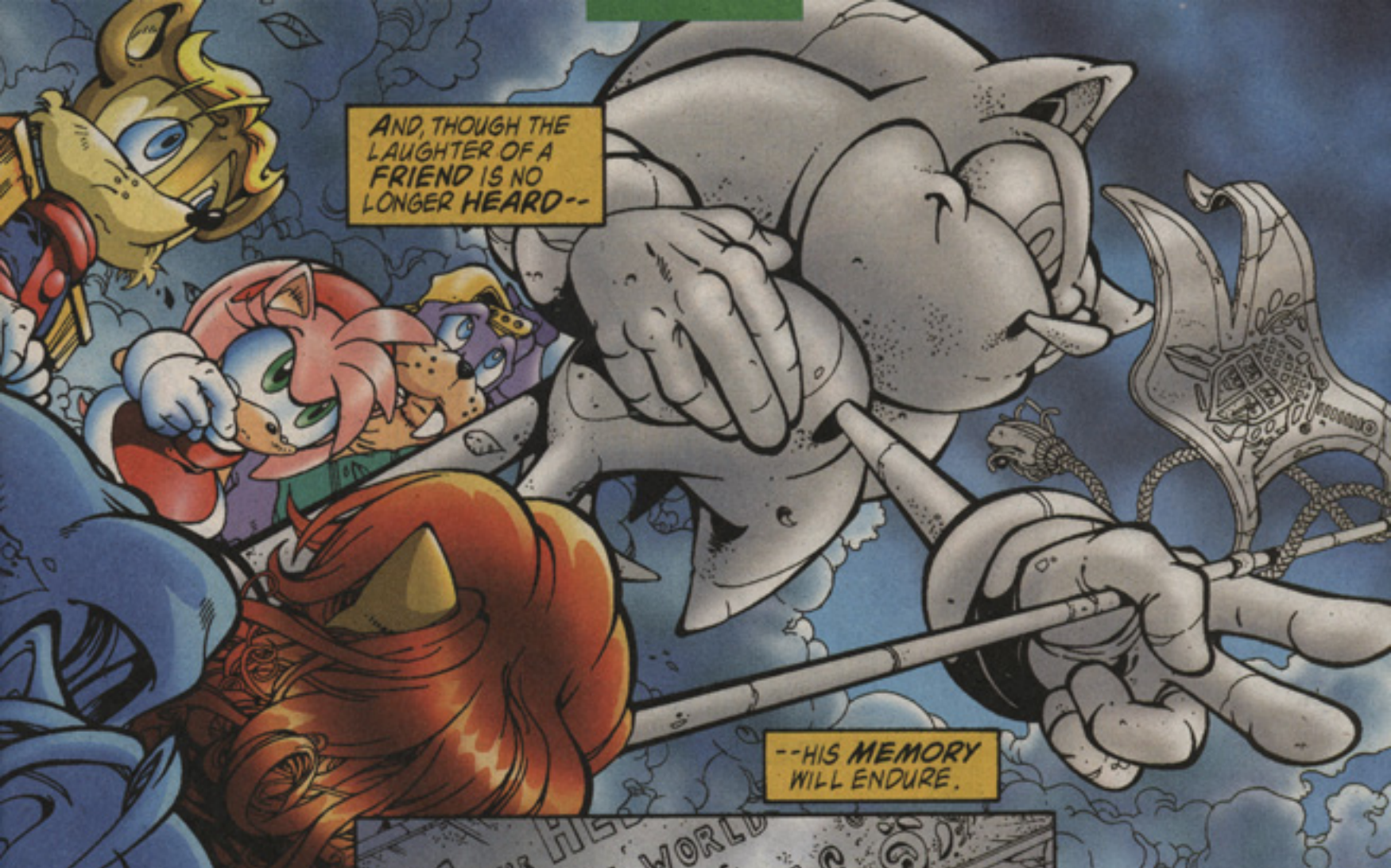
PERHAPS, TOO MANY
TIMES TOO MANY.

BUT, IF HE CAN
DO IT JUST
ONCE MORE...



...IT WILL HAVE
ALL BEEN
WORTH IT!





AND, THOUGH THE
LAUGHTER OF A
FRIEND IS NO
LONGER HEARD--

--HIS MEMORY
WILL ENDURE.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SAVED THE WORLD
A LOT!

HIS SPIRIT
LIVES ON.

THE DAYS WILL
BE LONG, THE
NIGHTS LONGER
BY FAR.

CAN THE PRINCESS
EVER ACCEPT THIS
IRREVERSIBLE FATE?
THIS OVERWHELMING
SADNESS?

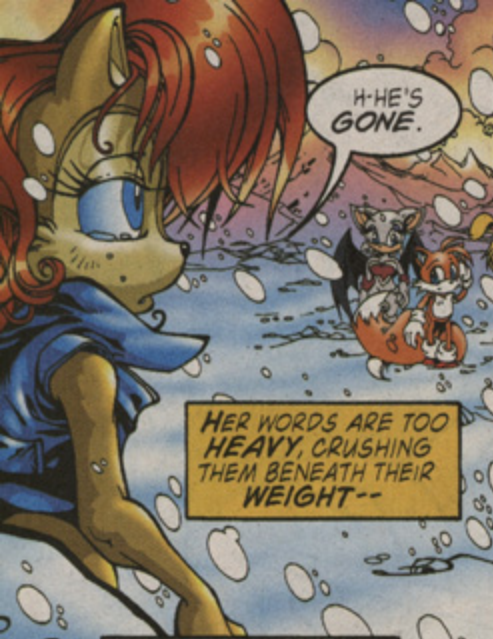
CAN ANY OF THEM?
SHE'S UNCERTAIN.

AS THE NOBILIAN
MOON SHINES
ON A WORLD
THAT SHOULD'VE
PERISHED--

--THE PRINCESS
COMES TO ONE
CONCLUSION--

--LIFE IS WAY
TOO SHORT.

AND, INDEED
TOO FAST.



H-HE'S
GONE.

HER WORDS ARE TOO
HEAVY, CRUSHING
THEM BENEATH THEIR
WEIGHT--



--WITH ENOUGH
HEARTBREAK,
LOSS, AND PAIN--

--TO LAST THEM THE
REST OF THEIR DAYS.



A WORLD IS
ONCE MORE
SAFE--

--BUT A CHAMPION
HAS FALLEN.

WHAT PRICE,
VICTORY?



HO! HO! HO! HO! HO!



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Greetings and salutations, Sonic fans!

My name is Justin Gabrie and I welcome you to the 10th Anniversary issue of the Sonic The Hedgehog comic. The last ten years have been one wild ride for the Blue Blur in his comic book form. We hope the next ten years will be even more exciting, so keep reading as Sonic's wildest adventures have yet to be chronicled. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the fans that have been supporting this book all these years. In the end, we could not have done it without you. I'd like also like to thank the writers and artists that have brought these stories to life month after month for the last decade, as well as our publishers Michael Silberkleit and Richard Goldwater, Managing Editor Victor Gorelick and the staff at Archie Comics. I would also thank the staff at SEGA, specifically their Licensing reps Robert Leffler and Takuma Hatori for their constant assistance. Above all, I wish to thank, none other than the creators of every single Sonic game ever made, Yuji Naka and his Sonic Team. Without them, the character this comic is based on would simply not exist. Arigato, Naka-san. Now, I am honored to present a special message from him, so without further ado... **YUJI NAKA!**



From Sonic's birth back in 1991, Sonic has appeared in many forms across many different media. While Sonic originated on a home console, he quickly made his way to the arcades, and was soon transformed into a toy line, TV cartoon, and even a comic series. Perhaps the largest reason why Sonic has made it this far and has enjoyed so much success is because his fans have showed continual love and support through the years. And for this, we are grateful.

When "Sonic The Hedgehog" was born on the Genesis, we went through what seemed like an endless period of trial and error, trying to find the perfect new action hero; something that nobody had ever seen before. The game itself was a high-speed adventure that allowed players to experience a sensation never before felt, married with gameplay simple enough so that anyone could play. The final element to the game was the hero: a hero that represented righteousness and freedom yet exuded a sense of "cool." And while Sonic was a character that was vastly different from the norm at the time, people around the world accepted him. And at that moment, we knew that this new stance of challenging the accepted norm was absolutely appropriate for Sonic himself as a character... Perhaps one could say that this new stance changed Sonic's very destiny.

And now, 12 years have passed since those humble beginnings, and we are standing on the brink of what we would like to celebrate as a "Sonic Year." It is a year in which we would like to express our thanks to our fans that have supported us all these long years, as well as a chance to introduce Sonic to our future fans.

To that purpose, we decided to release "Sonic Mega Collection" and "Sonic Adventure DX" for the Nintendo GameCube. We wanted people who have yet to experience the rich history of the Sonic series to be able to understand the heritage, and keep the history alive and untarnished. In addition, we have brought to the market a cellular phone game, as well as "Sonic Advance 2" for the GameBoy Advance. In fact, we are currently considering our options for bringing Sonic to Nokia's N-Gage. Furthermore, we plan to take Sonic's evolution to the next level with the next Sonic action game that is currently in development.

Beyond our games, we are planning to bring Sonic to a greater audience, primarily to the children of the world, through a program that we have not done in over 7 years: a McDonald's Happy Meal promotion, starting this summer. In addition, the new TV animation series, "Sonic X," debuted this past spring in Japan. Of course we would love all of the children of the world to enjoy the series, so we are currently planning a worldwide release as well.

Across borders and across generations, we will continue our oath of creating characters that will be loved through the years. Sonic will continue running, with us at his side, for many years to come.

Yuji Naka

President & CEO, SONICTEAM, LTD



The background of the cover is a vibrant collage of scenes from the game. At the top left, Knuckles is shown in a rocky, volcanic environment. In the top center, Tails is flying near a large, green, mechanical eye. To the right, Sonic is standing on a ledge in front of a futuristic building. A large, red, winged creature is the central focus, with the title text overlaid on it. Below the title, there are smaller scenes: Sonic on a beach, a blue dragon-like creature, and a character in a red and white suit. The bottom right corner features a large, close-up of Sonic's face.

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